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1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO GABON, VLADIMIR FILATOV, FOLLOWING
JUNE 7 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BONGO, DENIED THAT USSR IN
ANY WAY INVOLVED IN SHABA EVENTS. UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION
OF FILATOV'S COMMENTS AS REPORTED IN LOCAL

PRESS FOLLOWS: "CONTRARY TO WHAT MAY BE THOUGHT AND
CLAIMED, THE USSR HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SHABA EVENTS.
WE ARE INVOLVED NEITHER FROM NEAR NOR FAR IN THIS AFFAIR
WHICH MOREOVER IS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR OF THE ZAIRIAN STATE."

2. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING SHABA SITUATION AND OTHER
AFRICAN ISSUES WITH BONGO, FILATOV IS REPORTED TO HAVE ALSO
DISCUSSED BILATERAL COOPERATION MATTERS.TIENKEN

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